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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 February 1965

There was a Current Intelligence Briefing.

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[redacted] for DDS&T reported the fine success of last night's TACKLE mission over South China. He noted that USIB tomorrow will be discussing the problem of how frequently targets in this area should be covered.

[redacted] noted that CORONA 1017 has slipped further to 25 February. He thought it possible that 1018, which could be fired as early as 1 March, may finally have to replace 1017 on the pad.

Houston reported that General Fitch will appear before the Selden Committee this week. The Director requested that DDI or DDP experts sit in and observe the meeting.

Houston noted that Rep. Mathias will be here for breakfast on 3 March and Rep. Marsh here on 4 March.

Houston noted that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will hold an open hearing involving [redacted] secretary.

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DDS raised the subject of a Presidential memo on salaries.

DDI tabled a memo on the power alignments in South Vietnam. DCI said that he would review the memo but believed it should be circulated.

In answer to DDCI's query of yesterday, DDI explained that an interim memo has been prepared on what we know about the captured ship and arms aboard it. More detail is necessary for a thorough analysis. In this connection, DCI asked for a review of the transcripts of MAC V briefings and he asked clarification of the statement being made by high officials to the effect that the ship was on its sixth trip when sunk.

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DDI reported that a highly secret meeting of a Presidential Committee looking into East West trade will take place next week. We will participate in the briefing of the Committee.

There was a brief discussion of intelligence support to the Vice President's staff and on the matter of clearances for Mr. Connell. Executive Director will get into this.

DCI said he had talked with Secretary Rusk. Governor Harriman's former political responsibilities will now go to Secretary Ball. The Governor's economic responsibilities will be given to Mann.

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Noting that DDI is going [] Friday to brief [] officials on Vietnam, DCI directed that he tie in thoroughly with State and the White before making the trip.

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DCI asked General Carter to take a hard look at all intelligence processing and reporting machinery to ensure against any major surprise move in Vietnam.

DCI asked that appropriate debriefings of [] take place. (The DCI then left the meeting to take an urgent phone call. DDI explained that [] is already in contact with [])

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General Carter asked whether there was a need [] coverage by U-2's. No sentiment for this was expressed and it was explained that a DDI memo on the situation there is being prepared.

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DDCI noted a news article in this morning's Washington Post attributed to Aviation Week and Space Technology about Soviet satellite reconnaissance operations.

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Executive Director noted this morning's press squib about the CIA

Executive Director discussed yesterday's meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee which had agreed that the biggest problem facing the Agency is BOB's insistence that average salaries be dropped. This will be attacked in three ways: a letter for DCI to send to Mr. Gordon will be prepared; Kirkpatrick will discuss this in detail with BOB officials; and, perhaps eventually DCI and DDCI will be asked to take the matter up with the President. It was noted that the average salaries in several other Agencies are on the increase and have not been cut.

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